

REMARKS

Firstly, Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that Claims 1-5, 7 and 73 are allowable. Additionally, Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating in the Advisory Action that the proposed amendment to Claim 33 would render it allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment. Further, Applicant thanks the Examiner for clarifying the Advisory Action in a teleconference on May 12, 2010. Applicant respectfully requests entry and consideration of the Amendment submitted herewith which is believed to place the pending claims in condition for allowance.

STATUS OF CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 33 and cancel Claims 55-61 and 67-70. After entry of this amendment Claim 1-5, 7, 33-37, 51 and 73 will be pending. Notably, Claim 33 has been amended as previously proposed and acknowledged by the Examiner in the Advisory Action as allowable. Support for this amendment can be found throughout the specification and in the originally filed claims. No new matter has been added.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112, SECOND PARAGRAPH

Claims 33-37 and 51 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. As graciously suggested by the Examiner, the phrase “wherein said donor canine animal is characterised by a phenotype negative for anti-globulin antibodies” has been removed from step (4) of Claim 33 and inserted into step (1) of Claim 33.

The aforementioned amendment to Claim 33 is believed to overcome this 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph rejection of Claim 33 as well as that of dependent Claims 34-37 and 51. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the aforementioned 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph rejection of Claims 33-37 and 51.

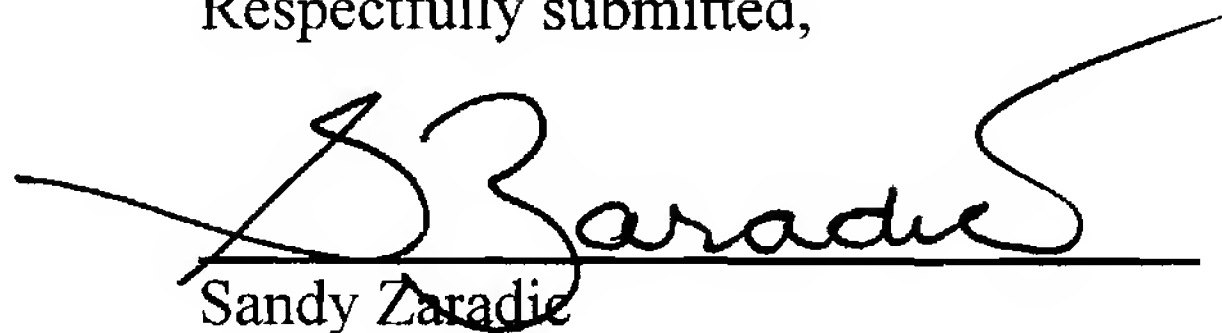
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CONCLUSION

Applicant believes Claims 1-5, 7, 33-37, 51 and 73 are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests the same.

If there are any questions or if additional information is required, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicant's attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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